

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION

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THOMAS M. GOULD
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RUBY S. JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

IKE'S, et al.,

Defendants.

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No. 05-2318-Ma/V

ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO FILE A PROPERLY COMPLETED
IN FORMA PAUPERIS AFFIDAVIT OR PAY THE CIVIL FILING FEE

Plaintiff Ruby S. Johnson filed a pro se complaint pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., on May 2, 2005, along with a motion seeking leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

Federal law provides that the "clerk of each district court shall require the parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in such court, whether by original process, removal or otherwise, to pay a filing fee" of \$250. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a).¹ To ensure access to the courts, however, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) permits an indigent plaintiff to avoid payment of filing fees by filing an in forma pauperis affidavit. Under that section, the Court must conduct a satisfactory inquiry into the plaintiff's ability to pay the filing fee and prosecute the lawsuit. A


¹ Effective March 7, 2005, the \$150 civil filing fee was increased to \$250.

plaintiff seeking in forma pauperis standing must respond fully to the questions on the Court's in forma pauperis form and execute the affidavit in compliance with the certification requirements contained in 28 U.S.C. § 1746. See, e.g., Reynolds v. Federal Bur. of Prisons, 30 Fed. Appx. 574 (6th Cir. Mar. 11, 2002); Broque v. Fort Knox Fed. Credit Union, No. 86-1896, 1997 WL 242043 (6th Cir. May 8, 1997).

The in forma pauperis affidavit submitted by this plaintiff is missing a page and, therefore, the information provided is insufficient to permit the Court to conclude that she is indigent and unable to pay the filing fee or to give security therefor.

Accordingly, the plaintiff is ORDERED, within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of this order, either to pay the \$250 civil filing fee or to file a properly completed in forma pauperis affidavit that is executed in compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746. The Clerk is ORDERED to send the plaintiff a copy of the nonprisoner in forma pauperis affidavit along with this order. Failure to timely comply with this order will result in dismissal of this action, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b), for failure to prosecute.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 11th day of July, 2005.



SAMUEL H. MAYS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



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Honorable Samuel Mays
US DISTRICT COURT